

his father's service to the Farm Credit and the local PCA, the immediate Brown family has over 55 years of service to American agriculture.

No person has served First South Farm Credit, ACA, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation with more loyalty, dignity, and honor than Billy Ross Brown.

Over the years, I have observed Billy Ross' dedicated service to his family, his community and his country. He is a true gentleman with a great heart and love for all mankind.

While I wish him well in his retirement, I suspect he will continue to be involved in the ongoing success of Mississippi agricultural interests and I hope he will still find time to fish with his friends, but only if the weather is good.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNICE DICKERSON

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Bernice Dickerson of Adairville, KY, for her service on the Adairville City Council.

At age 91, Mrs. Dickerson has dedicated herself to improving the community of Adairville. As a councilwoman for Adairville, Mrs. Dickerson has made a difference in people's lives and has served as an example for all who know her.

The citizens of Kentucky are fortunate to have the leadership of Bernice Dickerson. Her example of dedication, hard work and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth. She has my most sincere appreciation for her work and I look forward to her continued service to Kentucky.●

INSTITUTE OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus whose assistance to New York's Italian community in the late 19th century is a model for immigrant outreach. The efforts of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus initiated by the first American citizen saint, Frances Cabrini, led the Vatican to name her Patroness of Immigrants.

From the missionary sisters' first New York initiative, a home for destitute Italian orphans that opened in 1889, to the vibrant network of schools, hospitals and social service agencies serving immigrants in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Illinois, Colorado, Washington State and California, as well as New York, the missionary sisters brought solace to immigrants in both urban and rural areas, visiting them in homes, public hospitals, prisons and mines. Today this enduring mission flourishes in 16 nations on six continents where the Cabrinian reli-

gious institute eases misery, works for justice, and educates new generations. The institute's compassionate work cares for AIDS orphans in Swaziland and street children in the Philippines, provides health and child care and educates young people in Australia, Central and South America and the United States.

Frances Cabrini's legacy can be seen in 21st century New York State in Dobbs Ferry at the St. Cabrini Nursing Home and the Cabrini Elder Care Consortium. Dobbs Ferry is also home to the Monsignor Terence Attridge Adult Day Health Center and Cabrini Immigrant Services. New York City is fortunate to have the Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Cabrini Care at Home, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Cabrini Hospital, Sister Josephine Tsuei Senior Day Services, Cabrini High School, the Cabrini Shrine and the Cabrini Housing Development Fund's apartments for the elderly.

This year the St. Cabrini Nursing Home honors two individuals who exemplify the dedication and service of the Cabrinian values—Donna McNamara whose efforts were crucial to the creation of Cabrini Immigrant Services and Cabrini Care at Home; and James A. Smith, longtime board member who has given leadership to the Cabrini Elder Care Consortium. I am thankful for the efforts of Ms. McNamara and Mr. Smith and for the 125 years of compassion and care that are hallmarks of the life of Frances Cabrini and those who continue to serve the ideals to which she dedicated her life.●

NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPION

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team for their second straight NCAA Division III national championship. The Pointers capped off a dominating run through the tournament with their victory over Rochester University in the championship game. With the victory, the Pointers become just the third team in NCAA Division III history to win back to back titles. The championship game was also a milestone for Head Coach Jack Bennett, who earned his 200th career victory with the win and has since been selected as the Basketball Times Coach of the Year.

The Pointers posted a terrific 29-3 record this season, winning many of their games by wide margins and tying the school record for wins in a season set last year. The Pointers had the stingiest defense in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season, allowing just over 56 points a game. They also outscored their opponents by an overwhelming average of 17 points per game. Stevens Point led their conference in many statistical categories, including three-point and overall shooting percentage

and assists. Their tough play throughout the season earned them a share of the conference championship. The Pointers also won their second straight WIAC Tournament title.

A talented roster of student-athletes, led by All-American Nick Bennett and Division III Men's Basketball Player of the Year Jason Kalsow, played unselfishly and always with passion. Members of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team that fought hard for the championship include senior Tamaris Relerford from Beloit, WI; freshman Shawn Lee from Marshfield, WI; sophomore Brett Hirsch from Menomonee Falls, WI; freshman Brad Kalsow from Huntley, IL; freshman Steve Hicklin from Sussex, WI; senior Kyle Gruszczynski from Seymour, WI; sophomore Cory Krautkramer from Cameron, WI; sophomore Jon Krull from Marshall, WI; junior Matt Bouche from Dane, WI; junior Brian Bauer from Auburndale, WI; junior Mike Prey from Shawano, WI; senior Eric Maus from Green Bay, WI; freshman Gbena Awe from Milwaukee, WI; freshman Tyler Doyle from Appleton, WI; freshman Matt Atkinson from Suamico, WI; senior John Gleich from Wheaton, IL; and freshman Zach Leahy from Hartland, WI. Many of these champions are volunteers in the community at basketball camps and with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They are also students dedicated to academics as well as to basketball.

The team's competitive spirit is an inspiration to youngsters in Wisconsin. When March Madness is in the air, Division III may not always be in the spotlight. But the Pointers' second straight national championship is a trophy all Wisconsinites are proud of. Their victory is a substantial part of the incredible postseason for Wisconsin college basketball teams.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Intelligence.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1545. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer,